

SENATE BILL 2247
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the health care coverage of certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 7, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

50-7-613.

(a) In addition to any other information collected on the quarterly wage report required pursuant to this chapter, the department shall require employers to report on each quarterly report whether the employer offered health insurance to each employee.

(b) The commissioner of commerce and insurance in consultation with the bureau of TennCare may establish by rule a definition of health insurance for the department of labor and workforce development to use in implementing the provisions of this section. Such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5.

(c) The department of labor and workforce development shall provide the information on employee health insurance gathered pursuant to the provisions of this section to the bureau of TennCare for the bureau to use in administering the provisions of title 71, chapter 5, part 1. The department shall consult with the bureau concerning the format for transmitting the required information.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.